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The changes contemplated by the Foreign Office in the Consular Service for China may possibly be productive of a small economy, but it is difficult to see how they are likely to promote greater efficiency. Moreover unless some other changes are contingent upon them it is difficult to see how they can be effected without injurious to the present members of the Service, which having regard to the rate of pay and the slow rate of promotion, would be a substantial hardship.

Mr. PATRICK HUNTER, the Consul-General at Shanghai, will almost immediately, and presumably Sir RICHARD BURNETT, the Chief Justice of H. B. M.'s Supreme Court in China, will also retire about the same time. In the ordinary course these retirements would lead to the transfer of Mr. ORALONER ALBARTER, Consul at Canton, to the Consul-General, and of Mr. N. J. HANSEN, Chief Justice of B. H. M.'s Supreme Court in Japan, to the bench at Shanghai.

Mr. FORREST, Consul at Amoy, would succeed Mr. ALBARTER at Canton, and there would be a move up in the ranks all round. But under present circumstances what advantage will the members of the Consular Service reap by the retirement of the Consul-General? It is stated that the economy effected by the combination of the posts of Chief Judge and Consul-General will enable the Foreign Office to convert the temporary Consular appointments in Korea into substantive appointments.

This may and would no doubt be a source of great satisfaction to the junior members of the Service who will be the incumbents, but it would prove poor consolation to the seniors who by the proposed change are debarred from the ordinary promotion they have long looked forward to and have a right to expect.

It is possible, however, that Lord SALISBURY has in view another method of meeting the claims of the senior officials; or at any rate there is another way open to him. Sir JOHN WALSHAM is about to retire from the post of Minister to Peking, and the Secretary of State must, we imagine, have discovered by this time that the policy of promoting a Secretary from some European Legation with no experience of Oriental ways and no power of adapting himself to the very different political circumstances existing in China, is not perhaps the soundest that could be adopted, and he may have arrived at the conclusion that it

is safer to confide British interests to a man who understands more what these interests are and is acquainted with the best means of efficiently protecting them. The correctness of this policy has already received illustration in the case of Sir THOMAS WADDE and Sir HARRY PARKER, both of whom had had a lengthy experience in China before being appointed Minister. Moreover it is most undesirable at the present moment that a perfect stranger to Chinese politics and British interests here should be appointed seeing that the new Secretary of Legation — Mr. W. N. BRACEWELL, who has not yet started for China — has no experience in the East, and every question now pending and how many important questions are pending and how long they have been pending Sir JOHN WALSHAM best knows — would be still further delayed until the new Minister had mastered them. Should, however, Lord SALISBURY appoint Mr. ALBARTER to the charge of the Legation, the work would flow on smoothly and quickly, that able official would receive his deserts instead of being passed over and slighted, the ordinary promotion in the Consular Service would be allowed to go on as though the new amalgamation at Shanghai had not taken place, and the British community in China would be encouraged and pleased. And truly, in these times, some encouragement is needed for British merchants and traders to trust in the safety and reliability of being paid, and to wait for justice from China such as never occurred in former years and, which other foreign Powers would not tolerate.

There will be a game of Polo at Causeway Bay at half past four this afternoon.

The P. & O. steamer *Thidet* left Bombay for this port on the 21st inst. at 3 a.m.

The Polo Club will hold its annual sky meeting in April, date to be fixed later on.

There were 3,822 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 144 were Europeans.

The M. M. steamer *Solario*, with the port French mail, left Saigon yesterday morning at one o'clock for this port.The Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) of the *Steamer Solario*, from Leith, Liverpool, and London, left Singapore on Saturday, the 21st inst.The *British 54*, gun from Tanjong Katong to a similar one from Singapore has been shipped at Singapore by the Mutual steamer *Surf* for England.A train was belched forward to the grand opening of the *Empress of China* in the Peking Hotel on Tuesday next by the Victoria Rowing Club assisted by members of the Lanes Athletic Club. The entertainment is given for the benefit of local charities, and the Governor and the General have promised their patronage.The German steamer *Froh*, which arrived here yesterday morning, reported having fallen in with the German steamer *Triumphant* on the 15th inst. The *Triumphant* had a disabled rudder and was drifting about in a dangerous position. 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TELEPHONE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.  
A telephone line between London and Paris is now being constructed, and will be formally opened on the 1st of March. It is the result of a consultation between M. Carnot, President of the French Republic, and Queen Victoria.

THE COLDRIES AND COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

21st January.

A deputation from the Imperial Federation League was introduced to the Board of Trade Committee by Lord Brougham,乞求 the cancellation of the commercial treaties with Belgium and Germany which recall the colonies from seconding any fiscal advantages to British goods over those of Germany and Belgium. The deputation will urge that any concession is essential to a wider extension of similar anomalies which are injurious to the colonies.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHARTERS.

The trial made of the new Australian cruisers *Turk* and *Ranger* have developed defects in the main and gun fittings, and the repair which will be effected will delay the commissioning of the ship for a month.

NOTICE OF IRISH RELIEF WORKS.

The labourers employed on the Government relief works at Skibbereen and Banteer, in County Cork, Ireland, have struck work for an increase in wages.

DISTRIBUTION IN PARIS.

The severity of the winter is proving very disastrous to working classes on the Continent. There are now 50,000 persons out of work in Paris in consequence of the frost, and the French Chamber of Deputies is voting immense sums of money to assist the people who are suffering from want of employment.

EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT.

It is reported that the Emperor William of Germany admits that there is some foundation for the statement recently published that he was arranging for the holding of a conference with the other powers to discuss disarmament. He states that he believes that the recent adoption of a smokeless powder will render it impossible.

SLAVIN AND SULLIVAN.

John L. Sullivan denies that he challenged F. P. Slavin to fight a duel, and that he was round to a duel, as recently reported, for \$1,000.

MORGAN'S WELSH GOLD MINES.

The Court of Appeal has upheld the injunction previously granted, restraining Mr. William Morgan from using his name and mine in Wales without a license from the Government.

EUROPEAN PALESTINE EXPECTED.

Persecuted rumours are current affecting the stability of two large financial houses, one of which has a branch in Australia. The revolution in Chile is the cause to which the difficulties of the firms in question is attributed.

22nd January.

The rumours are still current in the city affecting three financial houses, but the fears expressed are less acute than on the previous day.

SUICIDE OF THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.

23rd January.

It has transpired that the Duke of Bedford, whose death was announced a few days ago, committed suicide. A coroner's inquest was held, and the verdict returned by the jury was that the deceased committed suicide while suffering from temporary insanity caused by pain.

CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT HAS BEEN AROUSED BY THE SUICIDE OF THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.

The evidence showed that he shot himself through the heart in the presence of his attendants. The newspaper carries the coroner for holding the inquest on Friday.

ENGLAND AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA.

The Mozambique Company, a Portuguese Corporation is suing the British South Africa Company for \$2,000,000, the amount of losses alleged to have been incurred by it in consequence of the action of the company in Manica and Lova. The South African is weighing a scheme for extending to Portugal a strip of territory extending across Africa from the coast of the Cape to the River Limpopo, with an area of 2,000,000 square miles.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Since their discovery of artificial rubies some years ago, Messrs. Frenay and Varenne, the French chemists, have striven to make crystals of sufficient size to be useful. Even now, however, their best crystals, though much larger than those of natural rubies, are large enough to break. Their present work has however changed, alumina alkalinized by potassium oxide having been substituted for pure alumina, and the time of operating has been extended from 27 hours to several months. In a recent trial, seven pounds of brilliant red gems were turned out, and the cost of the work was only one-tenth of a rubies of like colour, and approaching but not yet equaling the artificial in appearance. These remarkable experiments are not without risk for Mr. Varenne has narrowly escaped losing his sight as an effect of the great heat required for fusing the chemicals.

Considerable progress is being made in establishing botanical stations in the West Indies. Twelve years ago, according to Nairne, only two botanical establishments existed in this part of the world, and the number of stations now is 12. Stations have since been founded at British Guiana, Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Barbados, and Antigua, while others are being organized at Dominica, Nevis and St. Kitts. These stations are maintained as centres for the growth and distribution of economic plants, and for experiments to increase old industries and introduce new ones. The stations have been carefully selected by the botanists of Kew Gardens, England, by whom a scheme for extending the system is soon to be carried out.

In a recent lecture, Mr. H. W. Howorth, of the National Museum at Washington, declared, concerning the antiquity of the Indian, "that, whether the Indian originated on this continent, where he was found, or elsewhere, it was in bygone ages too far removed from our own to be identified with any race to be reckoned, not by the year of chronology, but by the epochs of geological time."

In an experiment before the London Physical Society, Mr. Shaford Pickwell, R.E., connected a selenium cell with a delicate galvanometer, which in its turn caused a circuit to be established with an automatic switch and an electric lamp. While sufficient light fell upon the selenium cell, the lamp did not act, but when the light striking the selenium cell fell to a certain degree, the electric light shone in full brilliancy. The going out of any lamp could be signalled to a distance by a similar arrangement. Different colored glass interposed between the light and the cell showed peculiar properties in the phenomena, and it is suggested to Thomson the probability that the selenium cell is the cause of the effect produced when we are able to transmit the effects of the colour to a distance.

In gold mining in India the English appear to be at an initial disadvantage, as the miners we work to believe. Wherever indications of gold are found in Mysore, evidences have come to light of skillful and systematic mining at some remote period. Shafts and galleries were constructed in places not easily worked even with the aid of a pick and shovel. One mine was opened with great difficulty until the miners were paid 300 feet into the hard schist, the miners were astonished to find there remains of old workings.

A firm of stone-cutters in Berlin have introduced a pneumatic chisel into their establishment. The workmen holds the sphygmograph with both hands and, as he slides it over the surface of the stone or metal, the chisel, moving 10,000 or 12,000 revolutions a minute, chips off splinters and particles.

A Dusseldorf artist uses a new vehicle in painting consisting of a mixture of wax and casein which is dried with oil. Results thus far are reported to be highly satisfactory.

An infant lately born the skeleton was incompletely formed and the wall of the chest so thin that the heart with the movement of the blood in it could be distinctly seen.

A thoughtful German scientist is said to have put the idea into current to the novel use of hiring out a heart. The plan does not appear to work perfectly. A millet stalk applied to a cluster of bees on a tree quickly caused the bees to fall to the ground in a stupefied condition; and when the currant was burned into a fully occupied honeycomb for an instant, the bees left the plant entirely for about half an hour. The bees can be easily handled while stupefied, and are not disturbed unless, of course, the current is too strong.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.  
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**B**LUE BUILDINGS.  
GROUND FLOOR of No. 2.  
FIRST FLOOR of No. 3.  
MAGAZINE GAP.  
TWO SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES.  
Rent \$45 each.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 31st February, 1891. [59]

## TO LET.

**N**o. 4. WEST TERRACE.  
Entry 1st. MARCH.  
Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON,  
13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1891. [57]

## TO BE LET.

**D**ESIRABLE OFFICES & GODOWNS,  
No. 13, Praya Central.  
Apply to  
STOLTERFOHT & HIRST.  
Hongkong, 8th October, 1890. [47]

## TO LET.

**G**ODOWN at WEST POINT.  
Rooms on SECOND FLOOR of (Marine) House, Queen's Road Central.  
OFFICES & CHAMBERS in COMMUNICATE  
OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS.  
No. 4, OLD BAILY STREET.  
No. 11, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
No. 3, GOUGH HILL, THE PEAK, Fur-  
nished.  
Apply to  
DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1891. [45]

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1891. [45]

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**D**ESIRABLE OFFICES & GODOWNS,  
No. 13, Praya Central.  
Apply to  
SHARP & CO.  
Teleg. House.  
Hongkong, 4th October, 1890. [46]

## TO LET.

**N**o. 3, MORRISON HILL. Entry, 1st  
June.  
Apply to  
G. C. ANDERSON,  
13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1890. [48]

## TO LET.

**N**o. 3, WOODLANDS TERRACE (nowly  
constructed). Rent moderate.  
Apply to  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1891. [39]

## TO LET, AT THE PEAK.

**T**HE NEUK and DUNFORD, Two Five-  
Faced Houses. Rent moderate.  
Apply to  
G. W. RICHARDS.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [43]

## TO LET.

**G**ODOWNS, WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 25th December, 1890. [67]

## TO LET.

**C**RAIGELLACHIE, 8, BONHAM ROAD.  
Apply to  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.  
Hongkong, 21st August, 1890. [51]

## TO LET.

**G**ODOWNS, BLUE BUILDINGS.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 25th December, 1890. [67]

## TO LET.

**D**ESIRABLE FIVE ROOMED RESIDENCE,  
STOWFORD, Bonham Road.  
Apply to  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.  
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1890. [57]

## TO LET.

**T**HREE FIVE ROOMED HOUSES Nos.  
7, 8, & 9, SEWELL TERRACE, near Peak  
Church. Gas laid on.  
Apply to the  
SECRETARY.  
At Office, 47, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 11th June, 1890. [55]

## TO LET.

**T**HE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3, Wynd-  
ham Street, at present in the occupation  
of Chua Mai. Possession from the 1st  
November next.  
Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1890. [54]

## KOWLOON.

**T**O LET.  
POSSESSION FROM 1st FEBRUARY.  
THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD-  
ING CO. ESTATE.—Healthily-  
situated Roomed HOUSES with Bath-Rooms  
complete; splendid view. Moderate Rent. Gas  
laid on.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1891. [112]

## TO BE LET OR SOLD.

On favourable terms, with immediate  
possession.  
Apply to  
JOHN A. JUDD,  
Secretary.  
THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL  
AND BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.  
Hongkong, 6th October, 1890. [153]

## TO BE LET.

**N**o. 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
Apply to  
HERCULES J. SCOTT.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1891. [39]

## TO LET.

With immediate possession.  
No. 6 and No. 9, UPPER MOSQUE TERRACE.  
Both houses lately cleaned, repaired,  
and painted. Rent moderate.  
For particulars apply to  
H. J. SAMPHON.  
No. 7, Connaught Home.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1890. [155]

## TO LET.

WITH POSSESSION FROM 1st APRIL, 1891.  
THREE, LARGE ROOMS, suitable for  
OFFICES, now, in the occupation of the  
CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT, AND BANK  
COMPAGNIE.  
Apply to  
CARLOWITZ & CO.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1891. [168]

## TO LET, FURNISHED.

From 1st APRIL to 1st DECEMBER next.  
**O**NE FIVE ROOMED EUROPEAN HOUSE  
at SEYMOUR ROAD with a Magnificent  
View of the Harbour. The House is entirely  
Furnished in European style. Terms moderate.  
Apply to the Underwriter in the house or to  
HO TUNG.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1891. [215]

## TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
THE MARINE HOTEL.  
SITUATED on the PRAYA, opposite to the  
Old & O. W. H. Building, comprising 22 Bed-  
Rooms, Dining-Room, Billiard-Room, &c.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1890. [64]

## TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
THE FIRST, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,  
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